

## Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, May 26, 1845, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, May 26, 1845.

*My dear Mr. Blair*, I have duly received your kind favour of the 3rd instant, Philadelphia but was unable to acknowledged until now. I am rejoiced at the cause of your visit to Philadelphia. Sully will do you justice, and the whiggs may Gibe as they please, but you have such a strongly marked countenance and noble traits of character marked in your phisonomy that Sully will give to your country and friend a good likeness, boldly setting forth that high honorable bearing that seperated you from the Globe, and pecuniary interests, rather than abandon your democratic principles or do an act inju[ri]ous to the great democratic cause, in which you had so long and faithfully laboured, and *I add successfully*. In this you have set an example for all real patriots to follow. I certainly will have a copy and it shall have a place in my own room, and after I am gone, the most conspicuous part of my Hermitage. In about two yours, the Globe with its Editor and fiscal partner will be called into life by the whole Democracy of this Union, and if they will accept and respond to the call, The Globe will be again the organ of the Executive and the defender of our true democratic principles, and our glorious union as long as democratic principles are triumphant. *Mark this*

I have no censure for Mr. Rives for what he has done in reference to the publication to which you allude. every one knows my confidence in you and friendship to Col. Polk. I cannot therefore be expected to withhold from you such mede of praise as I think yr. patriotism merits, and your efficent labour in behalf of our republican cause deserves. Col.

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Polk well knows, he has my friendship and confidence, and as a friend I write him with the feelings, and candor of a friend.

I have not strength to write my friend C.J. Ingersol, or would give the information desired. I was charged with a heinous offence against the constitution and laws, nay treason. It was when Spain had violated her neutrality, let the British have possession of Pensacola, and the Havanna had become in fact a British Port. When having use for Col. Gadsden services at Neworleans, I ordered him to take Havanna in his rout and bring me a drawing of the Forts and country around the Town. The col did so, and from the unoccupied heights that covered the city I believed with 5000 men I could take the place and there defend N.Orleans. I made a confidential application for the 5000 men with the object I had in view, and by my enemies was charged with treason in making war upon Spain, a friendly power.

We will have no war with England about oregon. This is one of Mr. Peels threats to intimidate. The real object is to please Oconnel and buy him over from repeal, and quiet Ireland by corrupting Oconnel, and Oconnel you will find to be a second Castlerhea. But you will find that the firm stand of the President has taken and supported by the United voice of every true american. Peel will become calm and friendly to us, Texas being beyond his grasp, and having bought Oconnel will become a peacemaker and end it in a treaty. My dear friend I have wrote thus much in great pain, with a shortness of breath that almost suffocates me in being carried ten feet. I am I may say a perfect Jelly from the toes to the upper part of my abdome, in any part of which a finger can be pressed half an Inch and the print will remain for minutes—added to this I have a bowell complaint, several passages with gripping daily, with a severe attack of piles. This is my situation, and in what it may result God only knows. I am resting patiently under this visitation of providence calmly resigned to his will—he does all things well. It would be a miracle should I be restored to health under all these afflictions. The Lords will be done.

Sarah with her and the whole tenants of the Hermitage's best wishes to you and every branch of your family, and to say to you that she will, when I am no more, take

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charge and care of portrait, and have it cherished as a memento of our friendship. May  
god bless you and yours with his best gifts, and may we all meet in a blissful immortality.  
yr sincere friend,